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FROM GENEVA APRIL 27:

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SUBJECT: UNCTAD: NATURAL RUBBER PRODUCERS REQUESTED CONSULTATIONS

REF: (A) GENEVA 2472 (B) BRUSSELS 2756

1. ANRPC GROUP NOW FEELS IT WOULD BE MORE ADVANTAGEOUS
TO HOLD PROPOSED CONSULTATIONS WITH CONSUMERS AT UNSPECIFIED
TIME FOLLOWING SECOND PREPARATORY CONFERENCE ON RUBBER
(SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 2-10) RATHER THAN PRIOR TO CONFERENCE
AS ORIGINALLY REQUESTED IN REFTEL (A). PRODUCERS APPARENTLY
CONCLUDED CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE MORE PRODUCTIVE ONCE
THEY HAVE REACTION TO PROPOSAL THEY INTEND TO TABLE AT
JUNE PREPARATORY.

2. PRODUCERS PLAN TO MEET IN GENEVA MAY 31 AND JUNE 1

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PRECEDING WORKING GROUP MEETINGS OF JUNE 2-3. ACCORDING
TO UNCTAD STAFFER WORKING WITH PRODUCERS (KRISHNAN)
PRODUCERS' PROPOSAL WILL DIFFER VERY LITTLE FROM
PREVIOUS PROPOSALS. PRESUMABLY THIS WOULD INCLUDE
RELIANCE ON A BUFFER STOCK BUT SINCE BS MIGHT BY ITSELF
HAVE TO BE VERY LARGE TO PROTECT FLOOR, SOME FORM OF
SUPPLY MANAGEMENT COULD BE IMPLEMENTED AFTER SPECIFIED

STOCK LEVELS ARE REACHED. PRIMARY OBJECTIVE DURING PREPARATORY WILL BE TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE FROM CONSUMERS THAT PRICES SHOULD BE STABILIZED WITH THE DECISION ON HOW STABILIZATION IS TO BE ACHIEVED WORKED OUT IN CONSULTATIONS AND SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS. THEY FORESEE A THIRD MEETING AT EXPERTS LEVEL FOLLOWED BY A NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE.

3. EC BRUSSELS MAY WISH TO CONTACT COMMISSION OFFICIALS WORKING ON RUBBER TO DEVELOP FURTHER BACKGROUND AS SECRETARIAT FEELS THEY ARE IN CLOSEST CONTACT WITH PRODUCERS. KUALA LUMPUR MAY ALSO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE FURTHER INSIGHTS INTO MOTIVATION BEHIND POSTPONEMENT OF CONSULTATIONS. SORENSON UNQUOTE VANCE

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